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Vessels calling here during October numbered 109, with tonnage amounting to 21,299.97. Seventy-seven of this number were coastwise, with a total tonnage of 9,910, the remaining 32 vessels being foreign with a tonnage of 20,409.97. The total value of exports for the month of October was \$707.94. The value of exports in July amounted to \$131,700; August, \$245,358; September, \$147,532. Total, \$222,500. So that it will be observed that the value of exports this past month far exceeds this total. The total tonnage last year amounted to 247,246. That amount is greatly increased this year, as October month alone produces over that total. Thirty-two outgoing vessels averaged one day, to say nothing of the coasting craft.

It is very satisfactory to note this large increase in shipping, which has been steadily growing for the past few months, despite the fact that some of the largest vessels have been kept out for some time. The steamship Wellington is again running on her old course, and the big steamer Leelanaw will take coal here regularly on her trips to northern ports. Added to these, the steamers Titania and Wyndel always carry a large cargo, though not all from this port.

The prospects for a very good winter's trade are exceedingly bright, and the coal which will be sent out during the next four months will greatly exceed previous shipments.

With 2,500 tons of coal aboard, the Leelanaw left for Alaska last night. This is the first trip of the big steamer to this port. She brings a cargo of ore on her return trip for Tacoma.

The steamer Otter arrived this morning from Victoria for coal. She will leave south this afternoon after loading up. The Otter is greatly improved by a coat of paint and only for the sound of her whistle would not have been known here by marine men.

Mr. John Muir, a resident of Ladysmith since the first building of the city, and formerly of Wellington, left this morning on the southbound train for Victoria. From there Mr. Muir goes on to California. Mr. Muir has been very ill for almost two months.

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Owing to so many teams entering the city league, the opera house is found to be inadequate for the large number of matches to be played between the five clubs, so the Finn hall is now being used up to the rafters and lights, with the exception of the two teams, the Ladysmith and the Finn hall, the other clubs are almost equally divided among the different clubs, which will make the play closer and more interest.

The local boys will be unable to meet the J. B. A. team on Saturday and the match has been postponed indefinitely.

The tug Bernada, of Vancouver, arrived in port this morning with a scowload of ore from Tacoma. The tug had alongside a dredge for discharging the cargo, which amounts to 243 tons, into the cars at the Transfer wharf. The ore is for the Tye smelter.

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Shanghai, Nov. 4.—The British steamer Victoria which succeeded in running the Port Arthur blockade with full cargo of coal and has returned here confirms the report that the Japanese have captured all the main north-eastern position of the fortress.

ROJESTVENSKY'S PROGRESS.

Tangier, Morocco, Nov. 4.—Vice Admiral Rojestsvensky paid a round of visits this morning. He called on the commander of the French cruiser Kleber and on the commander of the British cruiser Diana. The usual salutes were fired.

The ships of the Russian second Pacific squadron, now here, will sail at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning. Their destination has not been disclosed.

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A FAIR EXCHANGE.

Bowmanville, Nov. 4.—Durham's suggestion that Conservative Member-elect Ward retire in favor of A. B. Aylesworth, their candidate, and that a Liberal member-elect in some other constituency of the Dominion retire in favor of R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, who was defeated at Halifax.

SUPPOSED TO BE DROWNED.

Newboro, Nov. 4.—F. Spicer and D. McCaskill are supposed to have been drowned yesterday in crossing Newboro lake. Their boat was found capsized. The bodies are being grappled for.

FIRE IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 4.—Fire last night did damage to the extent of \$8,000 to the stock of Darch and Hunt dairy supplies and seed merchants.

BORDEN MAY RETIRE.

Halifax, Nov. 4.—It is rumored here that R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition who was defeated here yesterday will drop out of politics. Further returns received from Nova Scotia show that the Liberal sweep was more pronounced than at first reported.

## HUNDRED MILLIONS IN A LAW SUIT

**Action Involves Much Valuable Real Estate In New York.**

New York, Nov. 4.—Real estate valued at fully \$100,000,000, and in the possession of 280 persons, is involved in a series of legal actions, one of which has just been brought in the Supreme court. The properties lie in the districts bounded by Eleventh and Thirtieth streets and Fourth and Sixth avenues, and Thirty-first and Thirty-third streets and Sixth and Eighth avenues.

In the present suit William Le Boiteux is the plaintiff and a publishing company is defendant.

Le Boiteux contends that he has an undivided interest in the property occupied by the company as one of the heirs of Jacob S. Arden, the original possessor of the two tracts, which at the time of his death, in 1801, were known as the Arden farm.

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Another series of actions concern the same tracts of land, brought by various plaintiffs, and which involve deeds dating back more than one hundred years.

It appears that Jacob S. Arden made his will with the provision that if the latter died without issue, the title should pass to John Summers, son of his sister, Catherine Summers. It is said that John Summers was his cousin, and that to Jacob S. Arden, in September, 1805, for \$5,000. Upon this transfer of right the heir is said to have disposed of property in which he had only a life interest, and as he died unmarried the claim is set up that the property belonged of right to his heirs.

In the district concerned are some of the best known hotels, club houses and private residences in New York.

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The Quebec legislature has been dissolved. The elections will be held on November 25.

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Tumultuous Scenes in Deputies on Charges Against General Andre.

Paris, Nov. 4.—The Chamber of Deputies held a tumultuous session today over renewed interpellations on the subject of the policy of War Minister Andre, alleging that he was personally cognizant of the system of springing upon officers. During the time when the minister was making his reply there was a scene of intense confusion. He said that, during the Dreyfus affair, some officers participated in manifestations against President Loubet and he cited other instances showing intolerance and lack of discipline among officers.

THE END IS NOW

**FAST APPROACHING**

**General Nogi Is Confident That Fall of Port Arthur Is at Hand.**

Chefoo, Nov. 4.—Chinese who left Port Dalny yesterday evening say that batches of wounded were passing through Dalny. They report also that during the recent battle fresh Japanese troops were constantly going to the front. It is reported that the Japanese wounded or killed in front of Port Arthur during the last three months approximate 40,000.

Chinese and Japanese rumors that the Japanese have occupied the forts of Kikling mountain and certain forts of the Kleeckwan mountain group, but well-informed Japanese consider these reports as premature. These Japanese, however, are confident that the end of the Russian occupation of Port Arthur is fast approaching. They admit that they have been disappointed heretofore, but say their previous hopes never had such fact-based foundation as those they at present entertain.

The fact that General Nogi, commander of the Japanese army, has been ordered to leave the Associated Press despatches to leave the front of the base of his operations is looked upon as strongly indicating the confident spirit of the besiegers. Further tidings of events at Port Arthur are awaited here with an intensity of interest greater than any displayed since the beginning of the war.

RATTLER FIGHTS JAGUAR.

Animal and Reptile Engage in Deadly Contest in Reno Zoo.

Reno, Nov. 4.—A furious jaguar broke from its cage in a zoo owned by Sam Davis at Carson city this afternoon and while prowling among the other cages tore the door from a cage containing a huge rattlesnake. A fight between the beast and the reptile immediately ensued and as long as it lasted the contest was one of the most startling battles of its kind ever witnessed. The growls of the jaguar attracted many people to the scene and hundreds witnessed the struggle to the death.

When the door fell from the screen cage containing the rattlesnake the reptile immediately struck the enraged jaguar, but the skin of the animal resisted the fangs of the snake. With a growl the jaguar jumped at the snake, attempting to grab it in his jaws. The reptile uncoiled and throwing its long body to its full length sunk its fangs deep into the side of the beast. The jaguar caught the snake in its mouth and crushed its body, but not until its fangs had again been sunk into its shoulder. The jaguar died with the snake coiled around his leg and body.

## Vancouver Happenings

**A Forger and Perjuror Given Ten Years in the Penitentiary.**

**Chief Schweid Charged With Complicity in Murder Confesses.**

**Implicates Native Who Is Credited With Many Former Crimes.**

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Vancouver, Nov. 4.—The criminal assize concluded its labors today unless it is decided to take up any cases in which the prisoners have elected to be tried by jury, subsequent to the sitting of the assize. The last case on the docket was one in which Clarence Miller is accused of forging the name of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Connors, to two postal notes of \$100 each.

The defence was to the effect that Miller's wife, daughter of the plaintiff, Mrs. Connors was dying of consumption and her mother told Miller to send for money in Iowa to send her daughter to Kamloops.

The money came in shape of postal notes, and Miller received them for the money, signing Mrs. Connors's name. The money was to be used to send Mrs. Miller to Kamloops. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. Justice Duff was severe on the prisoner. He said the prisoner had added perjury to his other crime, but the jury could not find the prisoner to ten years in the penitentiary.

Sentence was given in the case of the chief of the Nawthiti Indians charged with obstructing the course of justice, the case being nine months in jail. The chief advised to not to tell the authorities about a mysterious murder of an Indian girl of the Nawthiti tribe.

On being asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed on him, Chief Schweid created a sensation by telling what he knew of the murder. Thus the superior object of the provincial police in arresting Chief Schweid which was to induce him to confess, has been successful.

The chief's statement was a long rambling one in which an Indian whose name is Tom figures as a multi-murderer. Chief Schweid's trial it obtained that Tom first found the body of the murdered girl and told the rest of the tribe. The old chief's story is to the effect that an Indian woman living with him told him, the chief, that Tom and girl at their shack to get her money to put into the potlatch, as she was sent to have a roll of bills given her by a young Indian who was to become her husband.

Schweid says he knows Tom killed the girl, because when he, the chief, had summoned the tribe to consider the murder, Tom and his woman were the only ones who stayed away.

The chief further explained that Tom was a particularly bad Indian, being credited with the murder of a white trader some years ago and being charged by another Indian with the killing of a Watseha Indian.

It is stated that the Provincial police in anticipation of such a confession on the part of Schweid had several Indians under surveillance and Tom and his associates will be promptly arrested.

THE COTTON STRIKERS.

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 4.—Late tonight arrangements were completed for a conference tomorrow afternoon, between a committee of the cotton mill manufacturers and representatives of the 23,000 strikers. The manufacturers are now willing to lay their case in detail before their former employees, and much is hoped for tomorrow's meeting.

PASSENGERS TAKE FLIGHT.

Newfoundland Steamer Strikes Rock, but Is Relieved.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 4.—The coastal steamer Portia, with 104 passengers, struck on the Penguin islands at midnight. She was subsequently refloated but was making so much water that the passengers took to the boats and fled to the mainland, while the ship steamed for the nearest harbor, where she was beached to effect temporary repairs. The Portia is a new ship of 1,000 tons and was making her second voyage.

COUGARS SLAUGHTER GAME.

Port Townsend, Nov. 4.—According to H. C. Pates, a man who returned yesterday from a trip to the coast portion of Jefferson county, big game is being slaughtered in large numbers by cougars. He spent several days hunting while west and ran across many half-eaten carcasses of elk and deer, the cougars, which are plentiful, being responsible for the killing. Mr. Pates is of the opinion that a bounty should be offered on cougars in order to encourage the settlers to go gunning for the animals.

HEIRS CONTEST REED WILL.

Portland, Nov. 4.—It is stated that the heirs of Mrs. Amanda W. Reed, who reside in California, will contest a portion of her estate, valued approximately at \$1,000,000, for a technical institute to be located in Portland in memory of her husband, the late Simon G. Reed, a pioneer capitalist of this city. Mrs. Reed, at the time of her death, was a resident of Portland, Cal., and the contention of the heirs is that the laws of that state prohibit the devising of more than one-third of an estate for public purposes.

WOMEN OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

Seven Persons Almost Suffocated to Death by a Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Seven persons in the household of Elisha W. Case, president of a local pig to the coast street, were overcome by smoke and carried to the street unconscious by members of the fire department. A blaze caused from spontaneous combustion in the basement filled the house with smoke and awakened Mrs. Case, who had barely time to awaken the members of the family and the servants and lead them in a partly suffocated condition to the windows in the front part of the house. They were all unconscious when the firemen arrived and carried them to the street, where they were revived. Those rescued were: Mrs. Elisha W. Case, Mrs. Maudie, her mother; two of the Case children and three servants.

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The Quebec legislature has been dissolved. The elections will be held on November 25.

## FRENCH WAR DEPARTMENT.

Tumultuous Scenes in Deputies on Charges Against General Andre.

Paris, Nov. 4.—The Chamber of Deputies held a tumultuous session today over renewed interpellations on the subject of the policy of War Minister Andre, alleging that he was personally cognizant of the system of springing upon officers. During the time when the minister was making his reply there was a scene of intense confusion. He said that, during the Dreyfus affair, some officers participated in manifestations against President Loubet and he cited other instances showing intolerance and lack of discipline among officers.

THE END IS NOW

**FAST APPROACHING**

**General Nogi Is Confident That Fall of Port Arthur Is at Hand.**

Chefoo, Nov. 4.—Chinese who left Port Dalny yesterday evening say that batches of wounded were passing through Dalny. They report also that during the recent battle fresh Japanese troops were constantly going to the front. It is reported that the Japanese wounded or killed in front of Port Arthur during the last three months approximate 40,000.

Chinese and Japanese rumors that the Japanese have occupied the forts of Kikling mountain and certain forts of the Kleeckwan mountain group, but well-informed Japanese consider these reports as premature. These Japanese, however, are confident that the end of the Russian occupation of Port Arthur is fast approaching. They admit that they have been disappointed heretofore, but say their previous hopes never had such fact-based foundation as those they at present entertain.

The fact that General Nogi, commander of the Japanese army, has been ordered to leave the Associated Press despatches to leave the front of the base of his operations is looked upon as strongly indicating the confident spirit of the besiegers. Further tidings of events at Port Arthur are awaited here with an intensity of interest greater than any displayed since the beginning of the war.

RATTLER FIGHTS JAGUAR.

Animal and Reptile Engage in Deadly Contest in Reno Zoo.

Reno, Nov. 4.—A furious jaguar broke from its cage in a zoo owned by Sam Davis at Carson city this afternoon and while prowling among the other cages tore the door from a cage containing a huge rattlesnake. A fight between the beast and the reptile immediately ensued and as long as it lasted the contest was one of the most startling battles of its kind ever witnessed. The growls of the jaguar attracted many people to the scene and hundreds witnessed the struggle to the death.

When the door fell from the screen cage containing the rattlesnake the reptile immediately struck the enraged jaguar, but the skin of the animal resisted the fangs of the snake. With a growl the jaguar jumped at the snake, attempting to grab it in his jaws. The reptile uncoiled and throwing its long body to its full length sunk its fangs deep into the side of the beast. The jaguar caught the snake in its mouth and crushed its body, but not until its fangs had again been sunk into its shoulder. The jaguar died with the snake coiled around his leg and body.



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**Prepared For Port Arthur's Fall**  
**Stoessel's Continued Success Surprises Russian War Office Who Know Conditions.**

**Great Relief Felt at Lull but no Confidence in Ultimate Result.**

St. Petersburg, Nov. 5.—(4:35)—Great relief is felt here in view of the reports indicating that the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur have been unsuccessful. A direct report from the Russian consul at Chefoo says he has received information from Chinese that the Japanese finally relinquished the attempt on November 3rd, the Mikado's birthday, after losing heavily. The consul says the carnage was awful. The bombardment continued six days without intermission. The Japanese breached and took fort No. 3, but according to the Chinese, were forced to abandon it owing to the concentrated fire from the supporting fortifications.

At the war office where the true condition inside the fortress of Port Arthur are known, General Stoessel's ability to hold out against the efforts of the Japanese concentrated upon it during the last ten days is regarded as marvelous, but no confidence in the ultimate result is entertained. Officials have been quite prepared to hear that the fortress has fallen.

**DRINKS CAN OF LYE.**

Burke, Idaho, Nov. 4.—Mistaking a can of lye for one of cream, Ed Benjamin, a resident of the town of Burke since 1883, and one of the locators of the Leland claim, drank of the poison at his cabin yesterday and died at an early hour this morning at Providence hospital, Wallace, after suffering terrible agony.

**JAPANESE RAID SEAL ROOKERIES**

**Schooners Return to Hakodate After Fierce Fights With Russians.**

London, Nov. 4.—The Daily Mail, in a letter from Hakodate, describes Japanese schooners as returning with valuable cargoes of furs, the result of raiding the Russian fishing stations at Kamakura, Commander and other island rookeries. There had been fierce fighting between the Russians and many were killed on both sides. In one case, after a fight lasting three days, the Russians captured three Japanese vessels, killing half their crews and taking the remainder prisoners.

**PORTION OF FLEET HELD BACK.**

Copenhagen, Nov. 4.—Official information which has reached here from St. Petersburg has it that the third portion of the Baltic fleet, which was expected to sail this week, will not proceed to the Far East at all.

**RUSSIA STILL IN MARKET.**

London, Nov. 4.—The Chronicle has a lengthy article stating that the Russian government has renewed its efforts to buy Chilean and Argentine warships through William R. Flint & Co., of New York.

**THE DOLBER WILL CONTEST.**

Judge Coffey Denies Motion for a Postponement of Case.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—Judge Coffey today denied a motion for a postponement of the contest over the million-dollar estate left by the late Bertha Dolber. Her will, dated April 23 last, is supposed on the ground that she was then of unsound mind and was unduly influenced by her companion, Etta M. Warren. The judge ordered that the trial of the suit should proceed and the examination of witnesses was begun. It is expected that the contest, which was begun by Adolph Schander, an uncle of the deceased, will occupy the time of the court for several weeks.

**AT PORT ARTHUR.**

All Quiet Friday and Prospects Are for Winter Campaign.

London, Nov. 5.—Conflicting reports come from Chefoo regarding the result of the latest assault on Port Arthur. Bennett Burleigh of the Daily Telegraph, who passed the fortress in a steamer on the morning, and that there was no sign of firing or of any movement. His steamer was three times chased and boarded by Japanese within a brief period, the Japanese forbidding any investigation within twenty miles of Port Arthur. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Chefoo learns that the Japanese are seeking to compel the Russian fleet to quit the harbor and that Vice Admiral Togo is prepared for this move. If it is effected, the correspondent adds, the Japanese will settle down to a winter's siege.

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**Dewey May Act On Commission**

**American Admiral Likely to Be Invited to Take Part in Deliberations.**

**Russia and England Have Practically Agreed on Representatives.**

St. Petersburg, Nov. 4.—It is now regarded as almost certain that the international commission will sit in Paris and be composed of five naval officers, one Russian and one British, each power to choose another member and the four to select a fifth.

Russia has practically named Admiral Kassinoff and Great Britain Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, although the latter selection is not absolutely settled. Great Britain expressed her intention of asking that a United States naval officer sit on the commission.

**WAR SUMMARY.**  
(By Associated Press.)

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The Granby smelter is now using the coke produced by the International Coal & Coke Company at Coleman, Alberta.

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The Canadian Pacific Railway company's land sales in October aggregated 23,892.84 acres, for which the sum of \$104,843.47 was realized, an average of nearly \$4.50 per acre.

During the ten months of this year ending October 31st, the Canadian Northwest Land Company disposed of 38,250 acres for \$256,000, an average of about \$6.50 an acre.

Though the quantity of land sold by these companies in October is less than the amount sold in the corresponding month of last year, the average price realized is the highest on record, a fact which is indicative of the prosperous condition prevailing in Western Canada, which have led to the enhancement of farm land as well as city property.

**TO PEACE RIVER.**

Big Sum is Appropriated for the Construction of a Wagon Road.

Paul Paradis, resident engineer of the Dominion government at Calgary, returned yesterday from Ottawa and will begin operations on November 30th on the work of building a government wagon road from Saskatchewan Landing to the Peace River country, says the Winnipeg Free Press. For this work the government has appropriated \$25,000 and will build a road through the difficult country north of Saskatchewan Landing with a view to facilitating entrance into the great ranching country to the north. The road will be surveyed and all trees will be cut during the winter, and the grading will be done in the early summer. Two considerable bridges will be necessary across streams to which names have not yet been given. The road will be completed during the summer of 1905. Mr. Paradis continued his journey west yesterday.

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**The Intentions of the Admiralty Are Not Known at Esquimalt.**

**Various Rumors Are Current—Many "Goodbyes" Were Said Yesterday.**

The news that the Grafton and Flora have been ordered home was received with great regret by Victorians. The notice was short, for the Grafton sails today.

Only the Lords of the Admiralty—and a few other people—know the true intentions of the order. Whether the two warships will return again or not or whether others will be sent here in their place—these things are not known here at present. Meanwhile, Victorians must say good-bye to the gallant officers and men and hope they may return to the station as soon as possible.

There were dull doings in the city yesterday. All the middies came ashore to say good-bye to the nice little school girls they love and some of the older officers had to go through the same business with girls who have left school. It was a regular black Friday.

The Grafton is expected to sail about 4 o'clock this afternoon and she probably will join the Flora at some point in South America. Commodore Goodrich remains on the station, being transferred to the Bonaventure. Captain Fraser of the Bonaventure will command the Grafton.

All kinds of rumors are current among the officers as to the intentions of the admiralty. Some hold that the station is to be reduced to the two remaining warships and the Egeria, while others are of the opinion that instead of a reduction the orders mean that the squadron will be strengthened by the addition of more powerful ships than the Grafton and Flora. On the other hand it is just possible that the two ships are ordered home in connection with some big mobilization maneuvers.

The majority of the officers and men are sorry to leave this station, and that sentiment will be shared by the entire community of Victoria.

**A FRENCH CONVICT SHIP.**

**What Has Replaced the Gallies of Old—Life on Board the Loire.**

Although the Government no longer sends its convicts to New Caledonia, criminals who are sentenced to long terms of imprisonment are still transported, and are now sent to French Guiana. The Government having established penitentiary settlements at Pointe à Pitre, Cayenne and on the islands of Salut and Kourou. The convict convoys leave France for South America twice a year, in May and September.

At the present moment the 550 convicts who are to form this convict's convoy are incarcerated in the prison of the island of Aix, awaiting their embarkation upon the convict ship Loire, which has been specially built for this service. Up to quite recent years the prisoners were sent out to New Caledonia and Guiana in sailing ships which had formerly been used in the voyage to New Caledonia. The voyage to New Caledonia lasted three or four months, and as the prisoners were mostly kept in chains, some terrible stories are told of the sufferings which were endured on the old frigates. Nowadays, however, the prisoners are more humanely treated, and the twenty days' passage to Guiana is a sharp contrast to their former horrors.

The transport of its convicts by the Loire is a large Government transport, which has been specially fitted for the convict service. She can convey 920 prisoners, including 30 women, and 170 free passengers, the free passengers being Government officials and soldiers returning from leave, who, in exchange for their passage, undertake to help the warders of the ship in maintaining discipline, and in watching over the convicts. The cells are situated in the two between decks, and run the whole length of the ship. They communicate with each other, but the doors can be instantaneously and automatically closed from the bridge. Each ward contains cells for about 75 prisoners, and as a further precaution against rebellion or insubordination, steam pipes are run through each ward, and from these steam and hot water can be turned on the inmates. While on the voyage the convicts are not required to work, except to clean their cells and the ship. They sleep in hammocks, which, however, have to be given up in the morning, sleeping during the day being forbidden.

At 7 o'clock they receive their first food—a cup of coffee and a ration biscuit. From 7 to 10, in groups of about 40, under the watch of the warders, they are allowed to do some exercise on deck. At 10 o'clock they have their first meal, which is ordinary sailors' fare, soup or fresh meat, with vegetables and a small ration of wine. The day is a busy one, the convicts are occupied with their exercise, and at 5 o'clock the second meal is served, consisting of soup and vegetables, without wine. At 6 o'clock the hammocks are put out and the wards closed for the night. At 8 o'clock the convicts are allowed three hours' exercise instead of one hour and a half. It will be seen that this regime is not particularly harsh. Occasionally, when a convict has shown exemplary conduct in Guiana, he is allowed, if he is married, to send for his wife and family, and they are then granted a passage out in the Loire. The transport of its convicts to Guiana and their maintenance during the voyage annually costs the French Government a sum of £24,000.—Correspondence London Telegraph.

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some of the conclusions arrived at would make very interesting reading in the Kootenays just now. I can give you some tabulated figures a little later, but I have not got them completed at the moment. From a purely commercial standpoint the world's zinc situation is likely to be of very great interest to the Slovan mining men, for some time to come, and any information that can be supplied by the press will be greatly appreciated by owners of properties hav-

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## AFTERMATH.

Nothing is so uncertain as an election, unless it be a horse race.

The way that Nova Scotia went is an indication that Mr. Fielding is next in line for the Premiership. It is on the cards that Sir Wilfrid may resign before the present parliament is over and undoubtedly the Finance Minister will succeed him. Sir Wm. Mulock is ambitious and very rich, but not popular with the party.

The result in Vancouver was the greatest surprise. Liberal-Conservatives were confident up to the last. There is only one explanation—the Grand Trunk Pacific. After all is said and done it was that which accounted for Liberal majorities in many places. The prospects of a railway already in sight, with legislative sanction for the same, and a substantial company behind it, looked better to the ordinary elector than one which had not yet been organized. There was, too, the business man of not too strong political proclivities, who wanted the railway at any price. "We want more railways" is a shibboleth always fetching in this country. Terms and conditions are only secondary considerations. "We want to see something done" is the prevailing sentiment, and that sentiment involves the possibility of the "something" affecting the individual interest. It is a natural sentiment, but unless the scheme is a good one from the country's point of view and the best available, it is not a sound sentiment. In the long run, the railway or other enterprise that does not give the best value for the money invested affects the whole of the community to that extent. However, we have no quarrel with the public on account of its decision. The majority rules and there is the end of it.

A good deal of comment has been heard on the streets about a telegram published on Thursday afternoon in a Colonist extra stating that the Minister of Railways had been defeated in Westmoreland. It is stated that the telegram was "faked" locally for the purpose of influencing the electors in Victoria who had not voted up to that time. We may say that the telegram in question was sent from Montreal to the editor, and contained the first news of the results, including the return of Daniels for St. John. The other items were correct. Why such a statement should have been telegraphed we do not know. The source of information was a reliable one, and we assume such a report had been received at Montreal. Any one desiring to satisfy himself as to the genuineness of the document may call at this office. We trust that no one would regard the Colonist as guilty of "faking" telegrams, or of purposely publishing those it knew were unfounded for the purpose of influencing the electors.

Eighteen seats in Nova Scotia was unlooked for. Nova Scotia, however, was well nursed by Mr. Fielding. It could never have been expected that treatment from any other government. Evidently Nova Scotia was not impressed with the danger of the Grand Trunk Pacific contributing to the building up of Portland, Maine, or it would not have sent a solid contingent to support the Government, and especially would not have turned down Mr. Borden in Halifax.

With the exception of Mr. Borden and Mr. Clancy, on the Conservative side, and Mr. Aylesworth, all the leaders in the House have been returned, so that the debating strength of the House has not been impaired. It has been augmented in one or two instances, notably by the return of Mr. George E. Foster, in all probability the most brilliant speaker of the lot. Unless Mr. Borden can succeed in obtaining another seat, the leadership will no doubt go to Mr. Foster.

The defeat of Mr. Aylesworth in Durham was not anticipated by his friends, especially as the constituency had been altered to admit West Durham, Blake's old riding which always went Liberal. With so many seats to spare, and with the facilities for shelving members which the Liberals now possess he will undoubtedly get another seat if he be ambitious to continue in public life. He would make a first-class Minister of Justice.

Eastern exchanges are still coming to hand and will continue to come for several days yet, reeking with the sweat of political toil, or more properly speaking, turmoil. To us who have been through this mill and been badly beaten it is all very stale and unprofitable.

One result of the telegram from Montreal announcing the defeat of the Minister of Railways was to badly frighten the local Liberals for the space of about half an hour. That is the only little bit of pleasure the Liberal-Conservatives so far have derived.

Blair's influence was seen in New Brunswick, as Mr. Fielding's was in Nova Scotia. It would be too flattering to Senator Templeman to say he was responsible for the four seats in British Columbia.

The great mistake the Liberals made in this election is that they did not figure high enough. In other words the actual results were beyond the dreams of avarice.

The McBride administration with a small majority is really safer than the Laurier administration with a very large one—at least the country is.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA AT THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY EXHIBIT.

One of the most gratifying things in connection with the fruit-growing industry in British Columbia has been the appreciation of our fruit at the Royal Horticultural Society's show of fruit and flowers in England. The secretary, in a letter which has been addressed to a large number of the leading horticultural, agricultural and other papers in Great Britain, deals particularly with our exhibit, and in terms which cannot but draw especial attention to the capabilities of British Columbia from a horticultural point of view. In fact, the Agent-General states that he has already received a number of enquiries respecting the Province by persons contemplating embarking in fruit-growing.

Although the fruit was not displayed for the immediate purpose of creating a trade so much as for advertising purposes, yet the display was on a commercial basis, that is to say, it was a commercial exhibit, in part, demonstrating what is possible on commercial lines. The secretary, in the letter in question, speaking of the exhibit, says:

"This included a fine series of large photographs of fruit farming in that colony, literature dealing with the same subject, and a splendid assortment of apples, pears and plums, which, despite their journey of three thousand miles by train and a like distance by water, looked as fresh and perfect as if grown in Kent itself."

In the same letter it is remarked that "although it is not proposed to place the fruit on the English market at present, as there is an ample market in the Northwest Territory and in Manitoba for what is produced beyond the British Columbia requirements; yet, in course of time, it is proposed to add these fruits to our imports, and there seems to be every probability of their equalling the fruits imported from California and other countries." Then follows a list of the varieties shown.

Our readers will agree with us that an exhibit which received a gold medal at such an important exhibition as the one in question, and that has been so extensively written up, is something to be proud of and will do a great deal to advertise the Province in a line for which British Columbia is peculiarly adapted, and in which great success has already been attained. The secretary is pleased to add in this connection:

"This exhibit served as a forerunner of the first show of colonial grown fruits and of jams and preserved fruits from all parts of the world, which will take place on December 13 and 14, and will form a fitting climax to a most successful series of shows held during the society's centennial year."

NO UNION WITH CANADA.

While Canada was in the throes of an election campaign, Newfoundland was also absorbed in the same pleasant excitement. The elections were held on the 31st ultimo. One of the issues appears to have been union with Canada, or at least the Liberals attempted to show that the opposition was in favor of union, which, to judge from the press of that colony, is unpopular with the masses. In fact, taking the Western Star as a criterion, the Newfoundlanders look upon the proposal with alarm. The editor declares that if this awful calamity of union with Canada should come about, "the annihilation of the farming industry would follow. Not another barrel of potatoes, not another ton of hay, not another head of cattle would be raised in Newfoundland for sale, and the farming communities would speedily become deserted villages. The farmers of Canada, who raise potatoes, turnips, cabbage, hay and cattle for the local markets, would be swamped by the imported articles and would have to abandon their homes and seek a livelihood in some foreign land."

This is not the worst of it, as the poet has been brought into requisition, with the following dire results:

"But look ahead to what is coming, Think on our posterity.

"For when death of life deprives us, And we are buried in our graves, Under the Canadian banner, Then the offspring would be slaves.

"They'll be exiles on Dominion soil, Bereft of Freedom, Home and Friends; Placed as targets before bullets, The Canadians to defend."

Canadians for about fifty years have been flattering themselves on their free institutions, their love of liberty and their adherence to the principle of responsible self-government. They are evidently much misunderstood or greatly maligned in Newfoundland.

Admittedly, which is questionable, that the Centurian and Barder are first-class battleships, by what process of reasoning can the six vessels of the Admiral type be included in that category? Their names are Anson, Camperdown, Benbow, Howe, Rodney and Collingwood. The Navy League has the opinion of some of the highest naval authorities that there cannot, in the light of practical experience, be classed as first-class battleships, and that it is even doubtful whether they are included in that category.

It may be urged that foreign nations also have battleships counted as first-class that are not worthy of the name; but for us, whose existence depends entirely on naval power, such a measure of naval strength as will enable us to hold our own, with something to spare in all reasonably probable contingencies of naval warfare, is all important.

Of the British second-class battleships, the Colossus, Edinburgh, Thunderer and Conqueror, of small fighting value. They can hardly be considered more than coast defence vessels, and the same may be said, with greater force, of the Hero and Conqueror. When endeavors are being made to prove that we are attaining a three-power standard, these facts must be remembered.

All comparisons of battleships commonly made, little notice is taken of the coast defence vessels of a potential enemy. The stations of the British fleet, if we should be involved in war, are presumably in front of the enemy's coast. These small coast defence vessels, although not fit to keep the sea, would be capable of doing good service in the vicinity of their own coast.

It may perhaps be urged that in these days of naval progress, all navies must contain certain obsolescent ships, which are nevertheless of some fighting value. But the policy of this country has been to spend its money on building new vessels, whilst other nations have recon-structed their old ships, which are thus more reliable fighting units than our own ships of similar date.

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The Navy League, 13 Victoria street,  
London, S. W., October 20, 1904.

## ORIGIN OF RUSSIA'S EAGLE.

London Globe.

The two-headed eagle, which is the emblem of Russia, has an ancient origin in symbolism, if not in natural history. It is traceable to primitive Babylonia, and is found on Hittite monuments of Cappadocia. It was adopted by Turkoman princes, and also brought to Europe by Crusaders in the fourteenth century. Apparently the German emperors got it from Crusaders and passed it on to Russia and Austria.

## JAPANESE AS FARMERS.

London Globe.

The Japanese have surprised the world as fighters, but, according to Harold Hodge, they are also the most remarkable agricultural nation in the world. They have only 10,000 square miles of arable land. An automobile going fifty miles an hour could cover this area in eleven hours. Yet it supports an imperial nation the rising power of the Far East. Experts admit that the scientific skill of Japanese agriculturists is unapproached. "Patient diligence, with knowledge of the chemistry of the soil and the physiology of plants, have yielded results that have astounded the most advanced agriculturists in Western nations."

## ANTIQUITY OF MAN.

London Telegraph.

The antiquity of man has long been a favorite subject of speculation. Of late years the tendency has been to drive the origin of the race further and further back. Herr Schwabe, a German naturalist, who has recently published an essay on the subject, regards the existence of mankind in pre-glacial times as fully established, and he is even inclined to place the origin of the human race in the Tertiary period. This would be "homo primigenius," a rather "near relative of 'Pithecanthropus erectus,' and some of the more ancient races of living apes. But there are missing links. In this country the principal question has been whether man was pre-glacial, and of his being so no trustworthy evidence has been found. As the period of glaciation, when nearly the whole land was under an icecap, endured many times as long as all known human history, it becomes a cardinal part of the problem whether man was here before the glaciers or after. A very small portion of the earth, and that, so far as ancient man is concerned, not the most promising, has yet been explored geologically.

## IRISH RUSSIANS.

Catholic Register.

When walking round a cemetery in St. Petersburg not many months ago, Michael Davitt tells how his interest was aroused by the inscription of Irish names upon some tombstones. It is a well known fact that Irishmen have added to the military lustre of Russia. Some discussion upon this point is going on at the present moment. The name O'Neill is a Russian twisting of an Irish family and you have only to sound the e and get the Celtic ring out of it. The princes Oshroffsch were descended from a Irish descendant of O'Neill, who fought Cromwell in Ireland and fled to Russia. This family has kept the Catholic faith. General Oshroffsch won fame by capturing Kars in the war with Turkey. His picture, shown in a recent magazine article by Jean Paul Beauchere is unmistakably Irish. General Oshroffsch is a Irish descendant of O'Neill, who served Peter the Great. Captain Schallons, the Cossack commander, is the grandson of a Cork man, Colonel John Scullion, who was on the staff of the Emperor Alexander. Colonel George Whitley O'Reilly, one of the leading engineers on General Sessel's staff at Port Arthur, is the son of a Jersey City locomotive builder of fifty years ago—Bernard O'Reilly.

## PHOTOGRAPHS ON FRUIT—THE VERY LATEST FAD.

A London despatch says no end of novel uses are likely to be made of the so-called "photographic fruit" that has just made its appearance in this country. Already it is settled that at festive banquet boards in future a feature will be made of big apples containing on their rosy cheeks photographic pictures of the host, of his patriotic emblems, or some symbol that appeals to the sentiment of the hour.

This novelty comes from France, but it seems to be taken up in the United States, and no doubt there will soon be fruit growing pictures of the Stars and Stripes, the President, the White House and other devices that will make a dimmity.

The first contingent of these photographic apples—six of them—reached a Covent Garden market dealer a few days ago. They belong to the "passion fruit" variety—green red fellows, as big as turnips. As an appropriate tribute to the "entente cordiale" on each of them was imprinted a portrait of King Edward, reproduced with remarkable clearness. The dealer saw a great chance to make a name for himself. He would present them to His Majesty, and in return—so he hoped—he would get the full reward of a hearty "pub" to seek inspiration for the composition of a letter to His Majesty to accompany the gift.

As for his calculations, he had neglected to take his better half into his confidence. In his absence she sold the six apples for \$2.50 each and thought she had done a very good stroke of business until a few minutes later she learned that they had again changed hands at \$4.50 each.

That wrought her up into a state of mind that enabled her to gain an easy victory over her husband in the wordy warfare that ensued when he returned from the "pub" and inquired what had become of his apples. He is now evolving a scheme for reproducing a group picture of all the members of the royal family on a water-lily, and is much afraid somebody will get ahead of him.

Another contingent of these apples to-day has brought down the retail price in Covent Garden to \$1.50 each. Most of them show portrait of the King, but on others are depicted the royal coat of arms, the "Angelus," a ship at sea, and a variety of devices all cleverly devised. These prints are obtained by fixing on the green surface of the apple, before it is ripe, a photographic film. It is then fully exposed to the sun and the film sticks to itself, as it were, on the reddening skin.

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Possibility of Council Having Illegally Transacted Business for Months Past

Act Says Aldermen Should Sit at 8 o'clock—This Instruction Not Obeyed.

A knotty point in respect to procedure in the conduct of city business is likely to be brought to the attention of the city council at a very early date. In the act defining the powers and functions of the board of aldermen is a clause which specifically states that the members composing that body shall assemble in the council chamber at the city hall each Monday evening at the hour of eight o'clock. If a quorum be not present at that hour they shall wait until 8:15 o'clock, when, if a quorum be not then present, the city clerk shall, in the absence of the mayor or other presiding officer, declare the meeting adjourned.

This clause has for years past been more honored in the breach than the observance, the aldermen meeting downstairs in the council room at the city hall and not assembling in regular fashion in the council chamber until 8:30 o'clock.

That such council meetings are illegal in the strict letter of the law is obvious from the reading of the clause about quoted; but whether council business thus irregularly transacted could in a court of law be found to be null and void is a moot point.

It is not improbable, however, that a test case will be made on this point at an early date. Leaders of the Colonist are familiar with the fact that one particular piece of civic legislation gave great annoyance to certain ratepayers—the Birdcage Walk Extension By-law. Miss Cameron was present at last Monday evening's meeting of the council and taking her seat in the chamber before the aldermen came upstairs from the committee room, she asked the reporters to note the time at which the mayor took his seat and called the meeting to order. This the reporters did in notices of the meeting which appeared in the press next day. The time was 8:15 o'clock, and the lines of the clock indicated would be tantamount to a declaration that all civic business for many months past has been irregularly transacted; and this would open up a field for legal perplexities absolutely limitless.

Psychic Research.—Under the auspices of the Psychic Research Society Mrs. L. Nagell Foster will lecture at K. of P. Hall, Pandora street, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Heart to Heart Talks, or Why So Many Are Misunderstood."

Chinese Conspiracy Case.—In the Police court yesterday the evidence for the prosecution in the Chinese conspiracy case was concluded, and an adjournment taken until Monday next at 2:30, when counsel will argue the pros and cons of a commitment on the evidence adduced. No objection to the defence was put in beyond that brought out in the examination, the accused reserving their defence for the present.

Orange Lodge Banquet.—The local Orangemen and their friends will have their annual banquet tonight, the anniversary of the gunpowder plot. Mr. Gordon Smith, the well-known war correspondent, has kindly consented to give some of his experiences at the front, having only just returned. Those requiring tickets will be able to get same by calling on Mr. J. T. Braden between 12 and 1 o'clock today, at his store on Douglas street, next to the Brunswick hotel.

Won the Ship.—The raffle for the large model of Nelson's ship "Victory," which was on view at the exhibition, took place at the Victoria Hotel, at the residence of Mr. W. W. Waitt & Co. The lucky number was 257, which is held by Mrs. Clara Phelps. Mrs. Godding, for whose benefit the raffle was got up and those who have been attending to it for her, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waitt & Co., Miss A. Sweet and many others for their kind assistance.

Fraud Exposed.—A gentleman called at the Colonist office yesterday evening and exhibited a letter which had been returned from San Francisco with the imprint "fraudulent" stamped on the face of the same. The letter had been addressed to G. C. Hedges, secretary of the "Fidelity Funding Co.," which has offices on Market street, San Francisco. The Examiner of a recent date contained a severe "roast" on the methods of the concern which is extracting much money out of the pockets of innocent all over the coast. It is said that a branch office is located in Vancouver street in this city and that there are 200 Victoria shareholders.

Stock Judge's Report.—Mr. Daniel Drummond, one of the five stock judges at the fall show, in his report to the deputy minister of agriculture from Ottawa, says: "I beg leave to make the following report of my work in British Columbia. The first fair was Comox, where I judged all the cattle and swine. The fair was an exceptionally good one for an isolated district like Comox. We gave reasons for our decisions in a good many classes when the winners were called on to give reasons. The dairy cattle are very good. At Duncan we followed the same course, where the show was also good, especially in dairy cattle. The swine were most numerous and of good quality. At Victoria I judged the dairy cattle also, and must congratulate you on the exhibit there, some of the animals being of outstanding merit and would give a good account of themselves at any fair in any country."

Opium Reward.—At Seattle on Thursday A. J. Cochran was declared by Judge Hanford to be the man to whom is due the \$5000 reward offered by the United States government for information leading to the seizure of the 3,199 tons of opium last May. Cochran, a railroad conductor, furnished Special Agent Burke, who was detailed on the case from Washington, D. C., with the clearest evidence of the finding of opium and the arrest and conviction of the smugglers. Since that time the question as to whom was due the reward has been much mooted, as both Burke and the collector of customs at Port Townsend claim that they were entitled to a share of the money. Judge Hanford held, however, that the statute was not broad enough to sustain their contention for a distribution of the reward, and held that it was the information furnished by Cochran that was directly responsible for the arrest and seizure and that he was entitled to the entire amount.

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Theatre Party.—Madame Myce has issued an invitation to the pupils attending her dramatic school to meet her in the parlors of the Strand this evening for the purpose of attending the performance of "As You Like It" at the Victoria Theatre.

Fifth Regiment.—The regular monthly meeting of the officers of the Fifth Regiment was held last evening at the drill hall. It is understood that the band secretary was fully discussed, but the secretary had nothing to give out at present for publication.

For Work Point.—Among the passengers from Vancouver on the Charming yesterday evening was a large party of Royal Engineers who are to be stationed at Work Point barracks. They came via Halifax, their arrival at the latter point having been chronicled in the Colonist a few days ago.

B. C. Fruit in London.—The B. C. Review (London), in its issue of October 22, has the following note respecting the prize-winning provincial fruit exhibit in England: The province of British Columbia is to be congratulated upon the fact that it has been awarded the gold medal of the Royal Horticultural Society for the exhibit of fruit, this week, which was specially commended for its careful cultivation.

Sacred Cantata.—At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Monday evening next an organ recital and sacred cantata will be given. A splendid chorus of forty voices have been rehearsing for the event for the past few weeks and a distinct musical treat is looked forward to. The soloists for the evening will be Miss McCoy, Mrs. W. E. Stenaland, Mrs. G. Hicks, Mrs. Currie and Messrs. J. L. Gibson, H. Kent, G. Hicks, solo violin, and organ, Jesse Longfield.

The Pioneers.—An exceptionally important meeting of the British Columbia Pioneer Society will be held at the hall, Broad street, on Wednesday evening next. The chief business to be taken up will be the question of opening the organization to residents of the province who arrived at a later date than when the organization was formed. As the province is at present membership is limited to those who arrived previous to the date when the province entered Confederation, 1871. The suggestion that a latter date be now fixed to establish eligibility has met with much opposition. No objection to the resolution will be taken up on Wednesday evening's meeting. A. Graham, the popular secretary of the society, is constantly in receipt of applications for membership from younger men, and yesterday filed an application from a resident of Nanaimo.

GAZETTE NOTICES. Information of General Interest in the Provincial Publication. In this week's issue of the Provincial Gazette notice is given of the following appointments:

Mr. Alfred Lea Smith, of Hornby Island, to be justice of the peace. Frederick Morrison Tweedie, of Surf Inlet, Princess Royal Island, to be a justice of the peace.

Mrs. Beile Holland Wilson, of Port Esquimalt, to be a resident physician, and acting medical health officer and a deputy coroner for the province.

John Henry Austin, of Victoria, to be a deputy district registrar of the Victoria judicial district, deputy registrar of the County court of Victoria and clerk of the Small Debts court holden at Victoria.

The Commercial Club of Vancouver has been incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act.

The "Sammon Takofat, Limited," has been incorporated as a limited company with a capital of \$10,000, divided into one hundred shares of \$100 each, to assist the immigration of Finlanders and others to, and the establishment of settlements of such immigrants in the province of British Columbia.

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OBITUARY.

The officers and members of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at the hall this afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late G. W. Craig.

On Thursday at Ladysmith the death occurred of John Nicholas, third son of Wm. Nicholas, of Cornwall, England. Mr. Nicholas had been ailing for some time, the result of an illness contracted by him in common with many others who sought their fortunes in the great mineral field of South Africa after the Boer war. From the Transvaal he came to Colorado in the hope that the change of climate and scenery would prove beneficial. But, becoming gradually worse, he decided to seek a further change, and came to Victoria, where he had resided for some months. A few days ago he went to Ladysmith, where yesterday he passed away at the residence of his brother. He was 32 years of age and was born in Cornwall, England. He leaves a widow and son besides a father and sister in England, and relatives in this city, Seattle and Ladysmith.

The funeral of the late John Durand took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Lake district, at 1 o'clock, and later at St. Stephen's church, South Saanich, by the Rev. F. Wimberley, and also at the grave, the interment taking place in St. Stephen's church cemetery. There was a very large attendance of friends and many beautiful flowers. The following acted as pallbearers: E. John, Sr., W. Thompson, J. S. Young, J. Sluggott, G. Harrison, X. Marcott.

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Levor's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dented in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects.

If H. Abbott, local agent C. P. R., has been advised of the arrival of the following Atlantic steamers: Allan line, "Bavarian," at Montreal, 6 p. m., October 29th; Allan line, "Tunis," at Liverpool, 10 a. m., October 30th; Cunard line, "Campania," at New York, 8 p. m., October 29th.

Door Mats Are in Season.—Messrs. Weiler Bros. have made provision for the demand for Door Mats now the weather has changed. Their stock is immense—all kinds, Fibre Mats, Wire Mats, Rubber Mats, Simot Mats, etc., reliable qualities at reasonable prices. Weiler Bros., Government street, Victoria, B. C.

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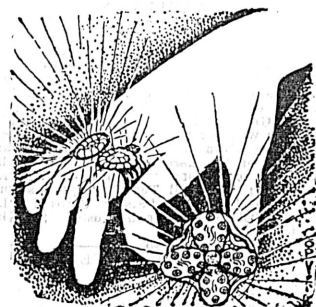
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# SPORTS

## TODAY'S GAMES.

Association Football.  
(Senior League).  
Victoria United vs. Bonaventure—Canteen grounds, 3 p. m.  
Garrison vs. Victoria West—Oak Bay, 3 p. m.  
(Junior League).  
North Ward vs. High School—Oak Bay, 1:30 p. m.  
Captains vs. Victoria West—Beacon Hill, 2:30 p. m.  
Rugby Football.  
Victoria Seniors vs. Nanaimo Hornets—At Nanaimo.  
Victoria Intermediates vs. Bonaventure—Caledonia grounds, 3 p. m.

## HOCKEY.

Practice Today.  
All members of the Victoria Hockey Club are requested to turn out to practice this afternoon at the Oak Bay grounds at 3 o'clock. Passes will be issued at the V. H. C. office. The game will be played on the 12th inst. with the Barracks.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Victoria vs. Hornets.  
The first senior match in the provincial rugby football season will be played in Nanaimo this afternoon, the contesting teams being the Hornets, who represent the Coast City, and Victoria. Keen interest is being taken in this game, as the Victoria—who have been gamely fighting a losing battle for several years—have formed a team which should make both Nanaimo and Vancouver look serious before the season is over. The forwards are heavy and fast, and when they pack properly will be very formidable. The back division is light, but the boys are speedy, and they can all tackle well. Captain Macrae has placed every one to the best possible advantage in this game, as he cannot get away; but he will play against Vancouver when the champions come here.

Winning the first game of the season counts a lot, but the wearers of the red and white will not be discouraged if they are defeated. The players have not yet become thoroughly accustomed to their places, but, as was shown in the game against the navy, they will fight hard until the last minute of time. The team is as follows: Full back, A. Newcombe; three quarters, A. Sarzison, L. Bell, F. A. Macrae (captain), S. Patton; half backs, W. Newcombe, J. Patton; forwards, Benson, Barnacle, Targett, P. Austin, L. Foot, A. McLean, R. Janion, W. Heath, R. Scarce, C. Keefe.

J. D. Quine will referee the game.

## Bonaventure vs. Intermediates.

The fifteen from H. M. S. Bonaventure will play the Victoria Intermediates at the Caledonia grounds this afternoon. The Intermediates team is as follows: Full back, O. Ogden; three quarters, C. Berkeley, Wilkinson, Gidley, S. Nason; half backs, H. Sarzison, J. Keefe; forwards, Clayton, Blackburn (centre), Fawcett, Irving, V. Harrison, L. Sweeney, J. Camble, S. Nason. The game will start at 3 o'clock sharp.

## Junior Practice.

All juniors are requested to attend for a practice game at the Caledonia grounds at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

### Four Games.

With two senior and two junior matches today, supporters of Association football are well provided for.

In the senior league Victoria United will play the team of H. M. S. Bonaventure at the Canteen grounds, commencing at 3 o'clock. Players are requested to make the 2:15 car from the city. Victoria United team will be as follows: J. Finlaison; Gowen and Goward; Rutherford, Johnson and Hughes; L. York, Tye, S. Lorimer, Wilson.

The match between the Garrison and Victoria West will be played at Oak Bay, commencing at 3 o'clock.

In the junior league, North Ward plays the High School at Oak Bay at 1:30 p. m., the Captains play Victoria West at Beacon Hill at 2:30 p. m.

## BASKETBALL.

### No Match Tonight.

The J. B. A. A. basketball team should have a good season. The boys are all practicing faithfully, and a number of interesting matches are being arranged. The statement in last night's Times to the effect that the J. B. A. A. team would play Ladysmith at the smelter town tonight is incorrect. Finlaison, one of the J. B. A. A. forwards, and the captain of the team, are playing football here today. So the basketball team could hardly be playing in Ladysmith. The captain of the Ladysmith team was in the city yesterday and the boys tried to arrange a game for next Saturday.

## GOLF.

### Monthly Medal Competition.

The monthly medal competition of the United Service Golf Club for November was played at Esquimalt yesterday, at which there was a very poor attendance. Following is the result:  
Mr. A. J. Parish, R. N. 98-11-84.  
Capt. C. H. V. Pembury, R. E. 98-11-87.  
Capt. D. Brody, R. E. 98-11-87.  
Col. C. E. English, R. G. A. No return.  
Lieut. A. Yates, R. E. A. No return.  
Mr. A. J. Parish, R. N. wins the medal and sweepstakes.

### United Service Club.

At a committee meeting held on the 26th ult. it was decided that the following club

competitions should be regularly carried out in future:  
Monthly Medal Competition (under handicap)—Men's medal to be played for on first Thursday of the month; ladies' medal to be played for on first Friday of the month. Optional sweepstakes of 25 cents in each case. Open to members and honorary members.  
Monthly Mixed Pairs Competition (under handicap)—To be played for on first Thursday of the month, entrance fee 50 cents per pair. One individual (either lady or gentleman) of each pair must be a member or honorary member of the club. Oak Bay handicaps will be accepted in this competition for those who are not members or honorary members of the V. S. C. G. C., but are members of V. G. C.  
Monthly Bogey Sweepstakes (under handicap)—Unlimited entries. Cards 25 cents each. Best score during the month takes the pool. Open to members and honorary members of the club, and open also to members of Victoria Golf Club. Oak Bay handicaps will be accepted for this competition for members of the V. S. C. G. C. This competition will commence on December 1. Conditions will be similar to Oak Bay bogey competition.

## THE KING.

### Canoe and Briggs Matched.

New Bedford, Nov. 3.—Jimmy Briggs of Chelsea and Martin Canoe of Fall River are matched for a 15-round bout, to take place here on election day, November 8, under the auspices of the New Bedford Athletic Association. The men are to weigh in at 135 pounds.

## ATHLETICS.

### F. Y. M. A. Run Flight.

A banquet was held in the Royal Cafe last evening by the boys of the Fernwood Young Men's Association. Mr. Snider was in the chair. The banquet was held in honor of the successful season just passed. Great enthusiasm prevailed, which augurs well for the coming season. Speeches were given by different members and friends of the association. The following was the toast list: "The President"; "Executive"; "Baseball Team"; "Gymnasium"; "Fernwood Club"; "Sisters"; "Ladies"; "Mine Host and Hostess"; "King and Queen."

## MADAME FOR NOVEMBER.

The leading features of Madame for November, the magazine "For Women Who Think," published by the Ford Publishing Company, Indianapolis, is the illustrated contribution by Jessie Ackerman, showing the quaint customs of the people of the Island of Madiera, the Land of Dreams and Flowers; How to Preserve the Rose in Winter; by Eben E. Rexford, the expert floriculturist, with beautiful illustrations; The Evolution of the Telford Twine, a popular story by Maude C. Murray; The Wealth of Australia, by Rev. Francis E. Clarke, Father of the Christian Endeavor Society; November Birthstones, by Edmund Russell; Health and Beauty a Duty, by Maude C. Murray.

This number also contains a two-page illustrated story by Ada Woodruff Anderson, entitled The Truth About the Greyhound, an exciting sketch of life on the Pacific Coast.

The subjects of Living Beyond Your Means, The Scoundrels Who Prey Upon Women, A Discussion of the Views of George Meredith on the Marriage Question, and other live topics are treated in the editorial columns.

"Madame" is sent free to all new year's subscribers to the Colonist-Daily or Semi-Weekly.

## JAMES JEFFRIES.

James Jeffries.—Sam C. Mott, directing the tour of Champion James J. Jeffries in his splendid revival of "Dave Crockett," arrived in town yesterday, and saw how things were faring for his attraction. Mr. Mott is one of the veterans of the theatrical world and has been connected with some of the greatest productions ever presented. He says Jeffries is doing a big business at every place he appears. The showman is very sanguine of playing to big houses here and he will undoubtedly do so. Jeffries comes here on the 11th inst. He brings with him a company of fourteen people and a full scenic equipment for the production of the famous old play which has ever been a favorite with all classes of American theatre-goers.

## ROOSEVELT'S INFLUENCE.

President Roosevelt has wielded more influence over congress and the people than any elected President except Washington and Jackson. Like Jackson, he is his party's platform. His political enemies pay him the tribute of disregarding their own and the Republican platform, and declare that Roosevelt is the issue. His political supporters enthusiastically and unanimously accept battle on this line. He and not his party's platform has been the issue in all the state elections since he became President. He was in an especial degree the issue in the Congressional election of 1902—the fateful mid-presidential term Congressional canvass, which is always adverse and often is disastrous to the party in control of the Government—and he won a majority of thirty in the House of Representatives, as compared with forty gained under the stimulus of the Presidential campaign of 1900. A triumph on this scale in an off-year Congressional canvass had not been gained by any other President since parties began to take cohesive shape in Jackson's days.—Leslie's Weekly.

## THE PLAY HOUSES.

### TONIGHT'S ATTRACTION.

At the Victoria Theatre this evening Miss Gale and her capable company will be seen in Shakespeare's immortal comedy "As You Like It." Miss Gale is the best actress since Julia Marlowe to be thus routed for a great, sweeping transcontinental tour in "As You Like It." Florence Gale's inherent powers of mind and charm of person, refined and polished by artistic education make her an ideal Rosalind.

Her interpretation of Shakespeare's lovely and many-sided heroine is a unique one. It possesses all the charms and excellencies of the many rare artists who have portrayed the role, and has yet a subtle and indescribable quality entirely her own.

By her own, which illuminates the text and situations and vivifies the character into a reality seldom attained by any.

The Boston Herald of July 30, 1904, recognized this fact when it published an appreciation of her own-actor performance in the following language:  
"In comeliness she has the delicate touch of Julia Marlowe, in assuming the manly air, the convincing strength of Modjeska, and in comedy the exuberance and sprightly humor and spontaneity of Henrietta Crossman; but it is in the entire absence of studied effect, in a certain girlish individuality reminiscent of a degree of others, but still unique who have preceded her, that Miss Gale's greatest charm lies."

## EDISON THEATRE.

Mr. Hugh J. Emmett, who has been crowding the Edison all week will conclude his engagement this evening. A matinee will be given today at 3 p. m., which will afford the ladies and children an opportunity of witnessing a very pleasing entertainment. Mr. Emmett has secured the Edison and promises to provide refined and exhilarating vaudeville.

For next week he has secured the Australian illusionist, Eskand, Perez and King, a high-class sketch team; Dutch Walton, musical mimic and comedian, and the Heine duo, comedians and dancers. Mr. Emmett managed the Empire Theatre, Seattle, for fifteen months, and is a good judge of what the public want and expect. Two performances will be given nightly commencing at 8 p. m., and matinees will be given daily except Mondays.

# M. And B. Mining And Smelting Co.

Recent Reorganization With Additional Capital and New Claims.

Description of Properties and Plant Operated in British Columbia.

The Wall Street Journal.

The Montreal & Boston Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company is a reorganization of the Montreal & Boston Copper Company, which in turn was a reorganization of the Montreal & Boundary Creek Company.

The Montreal & Boston Copper Company had not the necessary ingredients in its own ore to smelt them properly, and it was obliged to go outside of its own properties for fluxing ore. In 1903 the Montreal & Boston Company produced 3,041,104 lbs. of copper, 72,754 ozs. silver and 8,000 ozs. gold from the treatment of 132,570 tons of ore smelted, giving average returns of 23 lbs. of copper, 25c. silver and \$1.20 gold per ton. It had a capitalization of \$3,000,000, par of shares \$5.

It was only last month that Messrs. Munroe & Munroe, of New York, succeeded in acquiring other valuable properties in the Boundary district of British Columbia and formed a new company under Canadian laws known as the Montreal & Boston Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, with \$7,500,000 capital, par value of shares \$5 each, of which \$6,500,000 is issued. Three hundred thousand shares were exchanged for stocks of the old Montreal & Boston Company on the basis of one new for two old shares and the new properties were acquired on the basis of both stock and cash and \$150,000 provided for the treasury.

An entirely new management has been appointed. Col. Geo. Pope, of the Pope Manufacturing Company, is president; H. T. Pemberton, general manager at the mines; J. C. Welch, superintendent of smelter, and Geo. H. Collins, superintendent of mines.

There are now five groups of properties in the company, comprising 15 claims, and from these properties can be obtained all the various kinds of ores necessary for smelter fluxes.

A representative of the Boston News Bureau, who has been inspecting the properties, reports:

"The Montreal & Boston Company is now being operated as a business proposition and appears to be facing a prosperous career. It has very large and valuable properties principally obtained through the acquisition of the Dominion Copper Company from Mackenzie and Mann, of Toronto, an up-to-date smelter, and an aggressive and economical management."

## THE PROPERTIES.

"The Boundary district of British Columbia has practically unlimited ore supplies, but the ore is of low grade and profits are only derived from a careful management and treatment of a great tonnage. Wages are high, \$3.50 per day for eight hours, but this adverse factor is counterbalanced through the excellent transportation facilities. Ore is mined and blocked out in conservatively estimated at over 2,000,000 tons. Its ore in most cases lies near the surface, which permits of the cheapest and most economical method of mining. Its mining costs should not exceed \$1 per ton on the cars.

"Its ore averages about 1½ per cent to 2 per cent copper and 30 to 40 lbs. to the ton and \$2 gold and silver. Some of the ore contains less than 1½ to 1 per cent, and are only valuable for fluxing purposes, but of an extent of about 100,000 tons. The ore is mined in daily workings, three furnaces, while there are 100,000 tons of ore blocked out. It has another property in the Dominion group, the Rawhide, which contains about 100,000 tons of ore, which can be mined with steam shovels at a cost of less than 75 cents per ton. The ore is mined in daily workings, and \$2 to \$3 in gold. Another claim of the Dominion group, the Brooklyn, has a shaft down 380 feet and a mile of underground workings, which will permit of the mining of about 100,000 tons of ore blocked out, running 1½ per cent copper and \$2 in gold. This is a shaft proposition, and the mining cost is about \$1 per ton.

"Its mines are principally located at Phoenix, B. C., 22 miles from its smelter. The properties are all well equipped for the economical extraction of ore. Superintendent Collins says that in 30 days he can deliver to the smelter 100,000 tons of ore per day to supply three furnaces. About one hundred and sixty men are now employed at the mines and smelter, but this force will be immediately increased. The maximum freight on this ore from mines to smelter is 20 cents per ton, minimum 15 cents.

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## GENERAL REMARKS.

"The Montreal & Boston Company is preparing to do business upon a large scale. Its properties surround the Granby smelter, and the company is well equipped for the economical extraction of ore. Superintendent Collins says that in 30 days he can deliver to the smelter 100,000 tons of ore per day to supply three furnaces. About one hundred and sixty men are now employed at the mines and smelter, but this force will be immediately increased. The maximum freight on this ore from mines to smelter is 20 cents per ton, minimum 15 cents.

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## RADIUM AND SOLAR HEAT.

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## National Review.

"The discovery of radio activity makes it necessary to reconsider our estimate of the time during which the earth can have been fitted for the abode of living beings.

Consider first the sun's heat. We know that the sun is incandescent—that it is a glowing white hot body. It has been giving off heat for countless ages. Now, how can this heat supply be kept up? Why does the sun not cool down, owing to the loss of its primary heat?

The most obvious answer would be that this does happen, but that the cooling of so large a body is too slow to be noticeable even in very long periods of time. That might seem at first sight to be a plausible solution enough. But calculation conclusively proves that it is insufficient. The heat which is stored up in a white-hot body would very soon be exhausted if it gave out heat at anything like the rate that the sun does.

The same reason prevents our supposing that combustion can account for the output of solar heat.

Until lately the theory advanced by Von Helmholtz has held the field. It showed that if the sun was assumed to be steadily contracting to smaller dimensions, the calculation conclusively proves that it is insufficient. The heat which is stored up in a white-hot body would very soon be exhausted if it gave out heat at anything like the rate that the sun does.

It will readily be understood that calculations of this kind are affected by considerable sources of uncertainty; but when due allowances have been made for these it seems impossible to admit that this source of heat can keep up the supply for more than say, 50,000,000 years. Indeed, very high authority puts it lower than that.

Fifty million years is a long time, judged by human standards. But there are strong reasons for regarding it as an insufficient allowance. These are partly geological, partly zoological.

The earth's surface is composed, in the main, of stratified rocks; that is, of layers of consolidated mud, deposited one on top of the other. These layers extend to an enormous thickness, as we are able to see when we examine cases where some of the lower ones have been brought to the surface by upheaval. We can form some idea of the gigantic period which the deposition of these layers would take if we examine cases where the process is now in operation. The prevalent opinion is that 50,000,000 years is quite an insufficient allowance of time. All but the very lowest of the stratified rocks (and perhaps even the very lowest) contain fossils; thus it is certain that the earth's surface was fitted for the abode of animal life at the time they were deposited. In other words, its temperature cannot have then been widely different from what it now is, and the sun must have been shining then with much the same brilliancy that it does now, so that geological evidence seems to require a much older age for the sun's heat than it has been possible to account for.

Zoology points in the same direction. Consider the extraordinary complexity of structure of the bodies of the higher animals, and especially of the human body; consider further the fact that not the slightest essential alteration of development of that structure has been observed to take place during historical periods, and it will be admitted that no

small allowance of time is required for the Darwinian process of natural selection, by which the most complicated types of life are believed to have been developed from the simplest.

Now that the development of heat by radioactive change has been recognized, it is possible to understand how the sun's heat can have continued for much longer periods than were formerly intelligible, for the present output of solar heat would be tolerably well accounted for if the sun contained as much radium as pitchblende does. The radium present at any one moment would, it is true, have only a limited life; it is necessary to assume the constant evolution of radium, or of some other radioactive element unknown to us, as in pitchblende and other similar minerals. A thousand million years' heat can be produced by the evolution of a small amount of radium, but the probability is thus accounted for.

The hypothesis that radioactive processes are at work in the sun is not altogether without confirmation, though we have no direct proof of it, for helium is abundant in the sun; and helium is, as far as we know, essentially a product of radioactive change.

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## Good Showing By Electric Railway

## Financial Statement Submitted at Meeting in London Last Month.

## An Increase in Gross Receipts of Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

The Colonial Goldfields Gazette (London) in its issue of October 22nd, under the caption "Directors' Reports" has the following:

The report of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Ltd., for the twelve months ended 30th June last, to be submitted at the meeting on the 28th inst., shows an increase in gross receipts of \$188,445, and the net earnings, after charging renewals, an increase of \$80,044. The following charges have been made against the revenue account, namely: Provision for renewals maintenance, \$13,372; bonus to employees, \$2,340; amount written off preliminary and issuing expenses, \$1,343; added to capital amortisation fund, \$1,450, leaving as net profit for the year \$40,045. The balance brought forward was \$1,090, making a total of \$50,144. The directors recommend a dividend on the deferred ordinary stock of 3 per cent, making 0 per cent for the year, writing an additional amount of \$2,000 off preliminary and issuing expenses, transferring to reserve fund \$7,104, and carrying forward \$2,222. The number of lights in use at 30th June, 1904, was 112,911, an increase of 19,812. The number of passengers carried during the year was \$859,486, an increase of 1,505,197. The construction of the Vancouver power installation is proceeding very satisfactorily. Less than one-third of the tunnel between Trout and Coquitlam lakes remains to be driven; the concrete dam at Trout lake, the power house and the substations have all been completed, and three pipe lines are in place. Since 19th December, 1903, the city of Vancouver street lighting has been carried out by means of power delivered from Trout Lake, and a contract has been entered into to supply the city of New Westminster with power for street lighting over a term of years. The remaining \$45,000 of Vancouver power debentures have been issued during the year, making a total issue of \$220,000. The additional funds required by the power company to complete construction work are being supplied by the railway company. The engineers estimate that the work will be completed about May, 1905. The negotiations for the purchase of the Vancouver Gas Company have been successfully carried through since the end of the year now under review. The cessation of competition between these undertakings will result in benefit both to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and to the public in Vancouver. The price of electricity has been lowered since the purchase.

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## Tremont Arrives From Philippines

Boston Tow Boat Company's Liner Reached Port Yesterday Morning.

Vessel Brings Some Very Interesting Passengers From Asian Side.

Early yesterday morning the Boston Tow Boat Company's liner, Tremont, arrived at the outer wharf from Manila, via the Chinese and Japanese ports, with a large number of passengers, mostly from the Philippine Islands, and a heavy general cargo. The Tremont had come over the way across the Pacific, and the run was made in good time. She had a considerable quantity of freight for Victoria and the unloading of this took most of the forenoon.

Amongst the Tremont's more remarkable passengers was a Russian, a fellow who would be described, was Mr. A. M. Lockwitzky, an educated Russian, who has come from Japan, where he was taken for a Russian spy, and ordered to leave the country, and is bound for the United States. This cultured and intelligent man, for he has command of at least half a dozen languages, is said to be a Socialist, and to have incurred the suspicion of the Von Plehve administration, who promptly sent him to Siberia. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe, and his knowledge of languages proved exceedingly valuable to him in the Socialist propaganda, enabling him to get into touch with the Socialists from Spain to Scandinavia without difficulty. According to the stories of fellow passengers Mr. Lockwitzky had expressed the opinion that the present war would result in great and sweeping reforms in Russia, from which the common people would be the gainers. Like all Russians he has a great admiration for the czar, and will end triumphantly for Russia. Another report given out by passengers of the Tremont regarding this strange man, is that his wife is a leader in St. Petersburg society, where her brilliant talents make her a favorite. Lockwitzky intends to travel extensively in the United States before attempting to return to his native land.

Another notable passenger by the Tremont was United States Consul General Robert McQuade, from Canton, where he has just completed a term of five years, and returning to his home in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. McQuade, who is accompanied by a number of relatives and friends spent the morning seeing Victoria, with which he expressed himself much pleased. In an interview Mr. McQuade said that the conditions in Japan, in the event of her success against Russia will certainly dominate China in many most important particulars. He expects to see China contributing handsomely in annual tribute to the Japanese empire treasury, a strange prospect to the victors of the war. In the seventies, when Japan was paying tribute to China, sympathy with Japan is strong, not only amongst the Chinese themselves, but also amongst the foreign residents of the Orient. It is generally believed that Japan will bring Russia humiliating terms of peace and exact an indemnity of enormous proportions. It is conceded that there is no over in the world more thoroughly surprised at the results of the war so far as Russia is concerned. One great hope of China would enjoy under Japanese domination would be honest government. The present government is simply rotten to the core, and exists by keeping the people ground down with taxation and in ignorance.

Another interesting point touched upon by Mr. McQuade was his communication with Mr. James J. Hill regarding the increase in the fleet of mammoth freight steamers about to be started on the coastwise route. Mr. Hill had written to Mr. McQuade, and in the interview when Mr. McQuade should revisit the United States, and that is one of the pleasant experiences toward which Mr. McQuade is looking during this visit to the States. His own home is in Philadelphia, Pa., but he has a good deal of important consular business to transact at Washington before he can go home. Mr. McQuade has no doubt that Mr. Hill has in contemplation projects of a vast extent concerning the development of trade with China and Japan, and he was the man to take up such a task, for he had not only the means at his disposal to develop the traffic, but the energy and ability as well.

Still another passenger with a good story was a wealthy Chinese silk merchant, Lin Yet, who complained that the bandits in the province where he lives, had held him up one night and stolen everything he had about his person. A few nights after they returned to his house and stripped it bare of furniture and fittings. The British consul at Canton is looking into the matter. The Tremont got away to the Sound about noon.

## CITY OF TOPEKA.

Marine Inspectors Declare That Open Deadlight Was Cause of Accident.

The sinking of the Alaska steamer City of Topeka in the slip between the A and B Sunday evening, September 11, was due to an open air-port, or deadlight, says the Post-Intelligencer. Such is the conclusion of Capt. Whitney and Engineer Turner, commanding the local board of United States marine inspectors. Their investigation covered a period of more than a month. The decision rendered yesterday in full follows: "John Birmingham, Supervising Inspector, First District, Sir: We have the honor to report our findings in the matter of the sinking of the S. S. City of Topeka. The evidence shows that on September 11, 1904, at about 6:45 p. m., the S. S. City of Topeka sank while loading cargo at her dock in Seattle harbor. An investigation of this accident was begun in this office on September 22, 1904, and concluded October 27, 1904, by a personal examination of the ship after she had been hoisted and pumped out. The diver who examined the hull the day following the accident reported that an air-port, or deadlight, opening into the water's quarters, had been left open. The opening of the ship verified this report. This air-port is one of the three openings into the water's quarters on the starboard side. The water's quarters are situated between the main deck and the lower deck, and is separated from the freight space by an ordinary wooden bulkhead. "These air-ports are left to the care of the ship's steward, and it appears from the evidence that the water's quarters were left open without permission or even reporting to anyone. There is no evidence to show who opened this port, or whether it was maliciously or carelessly left open; but we would respectfully call your attention to the location of these air-ports, in this and other ships also, below the main deck; that the ship became listed to starboard in the process of loading, which was not completed, and the open port admitted enough water, the bulk of which was held on the 'tween decks, to contribute to a much greater list, finally became submerged, closely following the sinking of the ship. The bulkhead submerged, the ship sinking in a very short time.

"Upon personal examination, we find that all pipes so connected that there is a passageway through the same from the sea to the air, fitted with non-return valves, all of which were in good working order. We find that it is

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possible to run water into the ship by allowing the fresh water tanks to overflow, but to run in a quantity sufficient to endanger the vessel would require a much longer time than the time which the hydraulic hose was connected to the filling pipes of the tanks, and all evidence given by the engineer's department confirms our belief that the tanks did not overflow.  
"From the fact that there were no leaks in the hull of the vessel, we are of the opinion that the cause of the sinking of the ship was due to an open air-port."

SOUND SHIPPING.  
During October 528 Vessels Visited the District.

Port Townsend, Nov. 3.—Following is a summary of the report of the United States shipping commissioner for this district for the month ended October 31st:

| Shipped—         | Sailors. |
|------------------|----------|
| Sail, foreign    | 34       |
| Steam, coastwise | 348      |
| Sail, coastwise  | 50       |
| Total            | 441      |
| Discharged—      |          |
| Steam, foreign   | 14       |
| Sail, foreign    | 145      |
| Steam, coastwise | 299      |
| Sail, coastwise  | 120      |
| Total            | 538      |

Total number of seamen shipped and discharged 979 for the month.  
During the month there was disbursed through the local office as seamen's wages the sum of \$1,817.76.

## THE NORTHERN TRADE.

Revival of Rumor re Building of Steamer in States by Canadian Firm.

The following special despatch from Victoria appeared yesterday morning in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The local officials of the C. P. R. say there is nothing new in the report, which is evidently based on a discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade and was fully reported in the Colonist at the time:

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, it is represented here, contemplates constructing another steamer for the Alaska trade, but before doing so is desirous of securing a better hold on the northern business. At present American steamers are enabled by the coasting regulations to cut in on the Northern traffic and compete with the Canadian line for both passenger and freight business out of the ports of Victoria and Vancouver.

Efforts, it is believed, will be put forth to have the coasting regulations so altered as to prohibit American ships carrying goods or passengers from one Canadian point to another. It is rumored that the company has been seriously considering the question of building a ship on the American side and operating her from Puget Sound instead of from Victoria.

The vessel contemplated will be larger than the Princess Beatrice and of greater speed.

## ACCIDENT TO CASCADE.

Little Steamer on LadySmith Run Loses Her Rudder Yesterday.

While coming round Discovery Island yesterday the steamer Cascade, from LadySmith for Tacoma with a full cargo of copper matte from the Tyee Copper Company's smelter for the Tacoma smelter, the steamer Cascade, which is relieving the steamer Selkirk on this run for a short time, lost her rudder and got out of the control of her master and the crew. The wind and tide carried the disabled steamer down to Race Point from which point she drifted back to the neighborhood of Clover Point, where her anchors were let go. Signals of distress were displayed, and the tugboat, Capt. Goodwin, which soon got alongside the Cascade and took a line aboard. The Cascade was then towed into the harbor, where she anchored for the night. It was reported that the Cascade's propeller shaft was also damaged. The necessary repairs will be executed today, and as soon as possible the steamer will proceed with her cargo to her destination at Tacoma.

## TO RAISE MAINLANDER.

Owners May Make Attempt to Recover Vessel.

Seattle, Nov. 4.—An attempt will be made today to raise the Mainlander, one of the officials of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to ascertain the location of the steamer Mainlander, which went down off Point Barrow, Alaska, on Thursday morning last. The officials stated this morning that the company would not give up all hope of raising the vessel until a thorough search had been made.

It is possible, they say, that Captain Manter may have been in error in his calculations as to the depth of water in which the vessel sank, owing to the heavy fog which prevailed at the time. The search will be made by means of a drag along the bottom, towed by a tug.

## LAST FROM NOME.

Interesting News Brought Down by the Tacoma.

A Seattle despatch says: After a six weeks' voyage in Northern waters the Northwestern Steamship Company's steamer Tacoma arrived in port yesterday morning from Nome and points along the Siberian coast. The vessel is the last of the large passenger steamers of the season to arrive from Behling. The Tacoma report that the roughest kind of weather was encountered along the coast of Siberia. It rained, snowed and blew for three days at that time, and the vessel was driven to the Tacoma. The Tacoma sailed in at East Cape, Graphe, St. Nicholas and Vladiv. In all the vessel was twenty days in Siberian waters. The Tacoma brought a total of 22 passengers, including several well known operators. Dr. Alexander DeSoto, formerly connected with the Wayside Mission hospital, returned from Nome City. Colonel Perkins of the Northwestern Commercial Company, was another passenger. Reports were received about two weeks ago that the Tacoma ran aground, and was bound for points beyond Nome. Captain

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TAKING EFFECT WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5.

| Northbound.    | Southbound. | Northbound | Sat., Sun. and Wed. | Southbound |
|----------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Leave.         | Arrive.     | Leave      | Arrive.             | Leave      |
| Victoria       | 9:00        | 12:00      | Victoria            | 7:00       |
| Shawnigan Lake | 10:20       | 10:40      | Shawnigan Lake      | 4:20       |
| Duncan         | 11:00       | 10:20      | Duncan              | 5:40       |
| Ladysmith      | 11:40       | 9:10       | Ladysmith           | 5:50       |
| Nanaimo        | 12:40       | 8:20       | Nanaimo             | 6:40       |
| Ar. Wellington | 12:35       | 8:00       | Ar. Wellington      | 6:55       |

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